ABSTRACT

Compounds of Formula I, their preparation and synthetic intermediates, and their use in the synthesis of prodrugs:

Formula I

wherein:

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V and L are *trans* relative to one another;

V is selected from group consisting of carbocyclic aryl, substituted carbocyclic aryl, heteroaryl, and substituted heteroaryl; and

10. L is a leaving group selected from the group consisting of halogen, alkyl sulfonate, aryloxy optionally substituted with 1-2 substituents, N-containing heteroaryl, and N-hydroxy-nitrogen containing heteroaryl;

and salts thereof.